Roxbury, May 31, 1874.

My dear Wendell:

Your telegram, postal card and letter were duly received. I hope there will be no miscarriage or delay in regard to the invalid's chair, which was promptly forwarded to the address of Mr. McKim, Llewellyn Park. May it prove a real comfort to him! Unfortunately for your mother, the lay of the land in Roxbury, with its continuous ups and downs, prevented our using it in her case; and so the filial intentions of her children, in generously providing her with it, have been frustrated. Keep and use it as long as you have any occasion for it.

You suggest that I should join you in New York next Wednesday evening, and go with you to Orange — the next day being the anniversary of your birth. You will then be almost as old as I

was when I heard of it in London.] It would be very pleasant to do so, and perhaps I shall be able to; yet the chance is so uncertain, (I have so many things to do in the mean time,) that I do not wish you to run the risk of being disappointed by coming up to the railroad station for me. In case I come, I will take a Fourth Avenue horse-car, and make my way directly to your office. So, if I am not there at a reasonable hour, you may conclude that I have postponed my visit till next Saturday. Probably, to relieve you of all suspense, I may send you a telegram on Tuesday.

I cannot tell you how gratified I was with the tone of dear Mr. McKim's letter to me. His hopefulness as to his situation is very fortunate, as it cannot possibly do him any harm; and may do him considerable good.

Harry sends a postal card to Fanny from Niagara, and by this time is doubtless in Chicago. On his return from California, he wishes Fanny to meet him at Niagara Falls, as she has never seen that wonderful region.

Sub rosa, I very much doubt whether he will be able to accomplish anything in conserving the interests of those German bankers and capitalists who have invested so largely in Western railroad stock; not that he will not assiduously do all that lies in his power, but because of the difficulty of dealing with swindlers instead of with honest men. He will necessarily run up a large bill of expense to his employers.

Mr. Wright, of Auburn, came last evening, but whether Mrs. Wright intends returning home with him I do not know.

Joseph May preached for Rev. Dr. Putnam this forenoon — the Doctor being present. He gave an excellent sermon, of a very practical character, such as breathed the very spirit of his sainted father. A week from next Tuesday he sails for Europe from Boston, partly with reference to his health, and will probably return before winter sets in.

I am eager to get a look at "The Type Writer," to which you refer, as I am an expert in the setting of types. But the price of the machine is rather "steep."

I have been invited, "as an honored guest," to be treated for my rheumatism at a Turkish bath establishment on Brooklyn Heights, and may conclude to try the experiment, for a short time, after my visit to the Park.

Hoping soon to embrace you all, I remain, as ever, Your loving Father.